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Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after the United States Postal Service announced that operations at approximately 3,700 post offices throughout the nation are being reviewed for possible "discontinuance and/or conversion to forms of alternative access." Included in this list are 178 post offices located in Iowa, 62 of which are in Iowa's Fifth Congressional District.

"The United States Postal Service has released a nationwide list of approximately 3,700 post offices whose operations are under review for possible closure," said King. "Unfortunately, 62 facilities located in western Iowa are included on the list. Immediately after the list of Post Offices under review became available, I began reaching out to each of the 62 affected communities to enlist their help in the effort to protect western Iowa's interests throughout this process.

In the coming days and weeks, I will be working with community leaders in each affected town to develop an individualized plan to ensure that the feedback and concerns of each community are brought to the attention of the Postal Service. The USPS cannot be allowed to take advantage of this situation to shirk its responsibilities in western Iowa."

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